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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE EXAMINER'S ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Dear Sir:

I. Introduction

Applicants' Amendment and Response is to an United States Patent and Trademark Office ("Patent Office") Examiner's Action ("Action") dated March 8, 2006. The Action provided Applicants with a shortened statutory period for Applicants' Response of three (3) months, *i.e.*, to June 8, 2006. Applicant has submitted a Petition for an Extension of Time of three months, *i.e.*, until September 8, 2006, and has included the required fee. Accordingly, Applicant's Response is timely as it is being filed on September 6, 2006, with a Certificate of Mailing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a).